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For: MAKE-AND-BREAK CONTACT MATERIAL USING Ag-Ni-BASED ALLOY WITH  
Ni METAL PARTICLES DISPERSED THEREIN AND RELAY USING THE SAME

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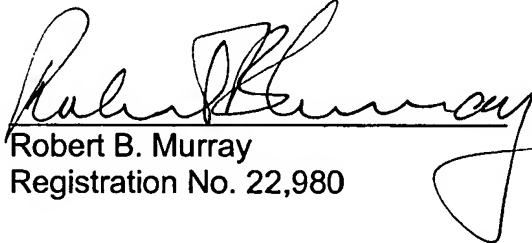
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